



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) California – Large Cache of Illicit Narcotics Seized in Three San Diego Area Busts

(U) San Diego – US border agents in San Diego thwarted three narcotic smuggling attempts, one on land and two in the water, seizing about 630-pounds of methamphetamine and nearly a half-ton of marijuana. The US Border Patrol announced it had seized just over 100-pounds of meth at a freeway checkpoint, and US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced the two ocean encounters, where officers found the marijuana and methamphetamine. In one ocean interdiction, agents said they shot out the engine of a fleeing panga boat after it rammed their vessel.

SOURCE: 11 August 2020, [KTLA](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) New York – Man Pleads Guilty to Providing Support to ISIS

(U) Manhattan – A Brooklyn man pleaded guilty in federal court Monday to attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and distributing bomb-making instructions, according to federal prosecutors. Zachary Clark pledged allegiance to ISIS and posted calls for attacks on the public and institutions in New York on encrypted pro-ISIS chatrooms. He also posted details instructions for carrying out those violent acts, Acting US Attorney Audrey Strauss said in a release. Clark was arrested in Brooklyn and charged with one count of attempting to provide material support to ISIS, which carries a maximum sentence of 20-years in prison, and one count of distributing information relating to explosives, destructive devices, and weapons of mass destruction, which also carries a maximum sentence of 20-years in prison.

SOURCE: 11 August 2020, [NBC New York](#)

#### (U) Texas – School District Servers Under Cyberattack on First Day of Virtual Learning

(U) Humble – The Humble Independent School District's online server was under a cyberattack yesterday morning during the first day of virtual learning for the district, superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Fagen said. "The MyHumble.com server is currently experiencing a cyberattack called denial of service," she posted on Twitter. Zoom, emails for the staff and websites were working, Fagen said on Twitter. During the attack, students were unable to log into MyHumble.com to access Schoology or their Humble ISD Gmail. After about 30 minutes, the district's IT team were able to solve the problem.

SOURCE: 11 August 2020, [ABC 13](#)

#### (U) Virginia – Man Who Drove Through BLM Protest Sentenced

(U) Richmond – A Virginia man who prosecutors described as a leader of the Ku Klux Klan and who drove through a Black Lives Matter protest in June was sentenced Monday to six years in jail. Harry H. Rogers, 36, was convicted of six misdemeanors and sentenced to a year in jail for each charge. Rogers still faces three felony charges of attempted malicious wounding in connection with the 7 June incident. During a hearing the day after the incident, Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor said in a statement that based on his social media posts and by his own admission, Rogers was a KKK leader.

SOURCE: 11 August 2020, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Mexico – Cartel Member Arrested in 2018 YouTube Commenter Murder**

(U) Mexico City – Prosecutors in southern Mexico said yesterday they have arrested an alleged lieutenant of a drug gang for the 2018 murder of a YouTube commentator in Acapulco. Guerrero state prosecutor's office said the suspect had once been the second-in-command of the Independent Cartel of Acapulco. The victim, Leslie Ann Pamela Montenegro, was known by her YouTube persona as "Nana Pelucas." Before her death, she had been threatened by a drug gang over her YouTube channel and its commentary on local events in the resort city. In 2011, a woman who used social media to report on local events was found decapitated by a drug cartel in the border city of Nuevo Laredo.

SOURCE: 11 August 2020, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Turkey – Officials Arrest Eight Iraq Nationals For ISIS Ties**

(U) Samsun – At least eight suspects have been arrested in Turkey's Black Sea region for their links to the ISIS, security sources said yesterday. Police anti-terror and intelligence teams in the northern Samsun province launched simultaneous operations at various sites to arrest the Iraqi national suspects. Turkey has since been attacked by ISIS terrorists numerous times, including in 10 suicide bombings, seven bombings, and four armed attacks which have killed 315 people and injured hundreds. In response, Turkey launched military and police operations at home and abroad to prevent further attacks.

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